



FORT, SEAFIELD & WALLACETOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of FSWCC on 11th September 2024 at
6.30pm in Grammar School Ayr.

1. Welcome and Introduction by Denise Sommerville Chair.
Members Present: Carol Fisher, Jim McKay, Forbes Watson, Andy Seville, Michael Hitchin and Alan Roseweir.
S.A.C. Councillor: Bob Shields.
S.A.C. Link Officer: David Porte.
Members of Public: Libby Cummings and Dimitra Karathanasi from Wallacetown, Katrina Glennie, Ian Lamberton, David Lindsay, Lisa Henderson, Graeme Henderson, Andrew Ross, John Lees and Elizabeth Lees from Seafield and Elizabeth Currie from Fort.
2. Apologies: George Weir S.A.C. Councillor and Members: Rachel Borland, Eric Armstrong, David Connolly and Robert Singer.
3. Declarations of Interests: None
4. Minutes of meeting on 12th June 2024: Referred to October meeting for approval.
5. Matters Arising: S.A.C. Pleased that FSWCC have ZOHO in operation, Chair requested financial assistance for this, Bob Shields to find out if we can get S.A.C help with this.
Feedback from hustings event was excellent.
6. Public Business: Katrina Glennie gave excellent report on issues re: Seafield area with Blackburn Road car park, boy racers, anti-social behaviour and speeding in whole area. She has spoken with ARA officials Barry McDonald team leader and Thomas McLeod Parking Officer and received a good response. However other residents also voiced their concerns. John Lees proposed traffic calming measures and Graeme Henderson has been canvassing the area with a view to raising a petition to present to SAC/ARA.
David Porte has agreed to co-ordinate with all stakeholders involved to resolve this matter.

Elizabeth Currie of Fort Area raised a beach cleansing issue whereby SAC only clean the beach between Ayr India and Horizon Hotel. The beach down towards the harbour is then left filthy. SAC are aware of this and Bob Shields has agreed to investigate. It was also pointed out that the wild flower area behind where the Watchful used to be has been uprooted and replaced by woodchips and is now used as a dog toilet.
8. SAC Elected Members: Bob Shields raised issue with barriers at beach as his mailbag is full, he intimated that these had been installed for security reasons but Councillor Weir was proposing to have the barriers removed and had asked him to

second the motion.

Councillor Shields explained that he wanted to take the views of FSWCC and Doonfoot CC into consideration before reaching his decision. After a full and frank discussion it was decided on a vote to retain the barriers with no member voting to remove them although there were 2 abstentions by DS and CF.

Councillor Shields also reported that it is being suggested that there should be a charge of £5.00 per adult and £10.00 per family of 4 for the next Ayr Show.

9. Reports:

A) Police: None

B) Treasurer: Proposal to purchase wreath for Remembrance service at Cenotaph was carried unanimously. Councillor Shields advised to speak to County Hall as they always seemed to have plenty available?

Hustings Hall was free and collection was £80.80 was raised.

C) Planning: Rachel Borland had submitted applications and there were no issues raised.

D) Licensing : Forbes Watson reported Horseshoe Bar – Not decided

50 Smith Street – Currently Shop, Off Sales no licence yet.

SAC Seasonal licence on trial at Pavilion.

Old Grammar School has planning permission, query on licence proposal?

E) STL'S: Title Deeds at Citadel Area flats say that properties cannot be used for commercial purposes. Councillor Shields will propose objection on this issue.

F) Consultation – Re Licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venue.

FSWCC are against such venues.

10. Common Good – We will request income statement for last year on this fund. Sub Committee to be set up. Issue with terms of lease of property on Esplanade, FW to update.

11. Community Energy Project: Alan Roseweir gave excellent update on Wallacetown project and the future looks extremely positive. Alan was warmly congratulated for his hard work.

12. SACC Chairs Association: Proposal carried that we opt in to this.

Handbook seems to be an issue but advice will be taken from Perth and Kinross CC.

13. Place Planning: We decided to take no further action with this issue at this time.

14. A.O.C.B.: Police Station visit to be arranged.

Lorne Arcade only 1 unit left to let, New MP has taken up rental of unit as surgery.

No decision yet on suspension of Kenny McLeod.

Proposal to invite Craig Isles and Chris Carroll to October meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm